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To.

General K.M.Cariappa,
Mercara,
COORG

Sir,

Three reasons impel me, Sir, to make an inroad upon your privacy. Firstly I had a very pleasant contact with you at the Ramade Hall, Mylapore, Madras where you spoke some five years ago. You also gave me your autograph at the Nambiar Polo Grounds in 1972 during the All India Polo Tournament. This I claim as my second reason. Lastly, you are widely credited with a keen response to the voice of the most common man from the remotest corners of this country.

I am a Cetral Govt. servant belonging to the clerical cadre of the Indian Audit and Accounts Dept. My family consists of seven memebers. Ihave two daughters, one studying in the B.A. Economics (Finalyear) and the other in the high school (Std XI). I have an aged mother. My wholly dependant sister--elder to me--is widowed. My b-in-law who joined the I.A.C.C. as a U.D.C. way back in 1942 and who was later promoted as a Jamedar under the King's Commision was reported as killed in action in 1943. A family pension sanctioned to her and was being received by her is not being taken by her from 1955 when, according to her own version (not corroborated by any witnesses) her husband reappeared before her and after spending sometime with her, left her without giving any information about his whereabouts. This has naturally caused a lot of complications and stress in this family. We are still living jointly as we have no other immovable

properties. I am residing in the Cantonment Area of St.Thomas Mount and am the lessee of about 4½ grounds with a house built on it.

Sir, this is the briefest part of my story. I am virtually looking up [redacted] a cul-de-sac. I want a way out not only for my sister --by the by her son is studying in the Central Polytechnic at Adyar, Madras and I have to finance him-- but also for myself.

I shall be humbly looking forward to a line in reply from you.

May I have the privilege of meeting you, Sir, in person when you happen to visit this side.

Yours sincerely,

/A. RAMASWAMY/